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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO. **HJR1009** - 2/13/97

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Governor

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election
2 amendments to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, relating to the
3 organization of local government.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 SOUTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendments to
7 Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in sections 2, 3, and 4,
8 inclusive, of this Joint Resolution, and section 5 of this Joint Resolution establishing an effective
9 date of January 1, 1999, which are hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the
10 state for approval.

11 Section 2. That Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be amended by
12 adding a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

13 § 4. In any two or more counties, not less than ten percent of those voting in the last
14 preceding gubernatorial election in each of the affected jurisdictions may, by petition, initiate the
15 question of whether those counties shall be consolidated into one. Upon receipt of such petitions,

1 the county commissions of the respective counties shall, by resolution, direct that the question
2 of the consolidation of those counties be submitted to a vote of the electors of the respective
3 counties at the next general election.

4 Section 3. That Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be amended by
5 adding a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

6 § 5. The affected counties will be consolidated into one if the consolidation is approved at
7 that election by a majority of the votes cast on that question in each of the affected counties.

8 Section 4. That Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be amended by
9 adding a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

10 § 6. The county commissions of the counties consolidated by an election pursuant to this
11 Article shall each meet to select a proposed name and seat of government for the new county and
12 shall then meet jointly to select a date for a special election, wherein the electors of the affected
13 counties will vote to select a seat of government and a name for the new county from those seats
14 of government and names so proposed.

15 Section 5. The effective date of §§ 4, 5, and 6 of Article IX of the Constitution is January 1,
16 1999.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

2 2/4/97 First read in House and referred to State Affairs. H.J. 299

3 2/10/97 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

4 2/10/97 Deferred to another day. H.J. 377

5 2/12/97 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

6 2/12/97 State Affairs Do Pass Amended, AYES 10, NAYS 1. H.J. 437